

REMARKS

35 USC 101 Rejection of Claims 21, and 23 as Covering Non-Statutory Subject Matter

In response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101 of the claims 21, and 23 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter, Applicants submit that the claims do not relate to an abstract idea; there is a tangible result provided. There is clearly a practical application in the technological arts i.e. a computer program for the accessing of web documents and the display of such documents at a Web display station. The simplification of complex URLs for use in accessing Web document certainly meets the tangible result required for patentable subject matter.

In this connection, it is submitted that the claims, 21-23 meet the criteria set forth by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in State Street Bank and Trust Co. v. Signature Financial Group Inc. (149F3rd1368) 7/23/98 for tangible patentable subject matter under 35 U.S.C. 101. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 21, and 23 define patentable subject matter under 35 USC 101.

The Rejection of Claims 1, 6, 8, 13, 21, and 23 under 35 USC 112, Second Paragraph as Being Indefinite.

Claims 4, 11, and 22 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 8, and 21 have been amended to modify language which Examiner considered indefinite.

It is submitted that remaining claims 1, 6, 8, 13, 21, and 23 now meet the requirements of 35 USC 112, Second Paragraph. Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

Rejection of claims 1, 6, 8, 13, 21, and 23 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Anderson et al. (US2003/0182449) is respectfully traversed.

In order to reject under 35 USC 102, the reference must expressly or impliedly teach every element of the invention without modification. Anderson fails to teach every element of the present invention.

An objective of both Anderson and the present invention is to simplify the inputting of complex URLs of documents being accessed by a user at a display station on the Web. Anderson's implementation of this objective is quite different from that of the present invention. Consequently, Anderson fails to teach the following claimed elements of the present invention, (from representative claim 1):

"apparatus in said service provider to convert the original URLs of said accessed Web documents to include a domain section specifying the service provider's domain and a path portion within said service provider's domain simpler and shorter than the original URL path portion;"

In Anderson, the conversion from primary (original) to secondary is not done in the service provider. Anderson's conversion is done during the entry of the URL at the user terminal by the user. Anderson's user selects a hot key to indicate that he wishes to use a simplified approach. The Anderson user then selects a suffix which is representative of and mappable to the destination of the original URL. The Anderson hot key prefix plus the user selected suffix is the secondary or converted address. Thus, Anderson teaches the conversion to the simplified address at the user terminal and not at a service provider.

Furthermore, the domain section i.e. the suffix of Anderson's converted address is clearly not the presently claimed: "...a domain section specifying the service provider's domain ..."

It is submitted that as set forth hereinabove, Anderson fails as an anticipatory reference under 35 USC 102; it does not disclose every element of the independent claims without modification.

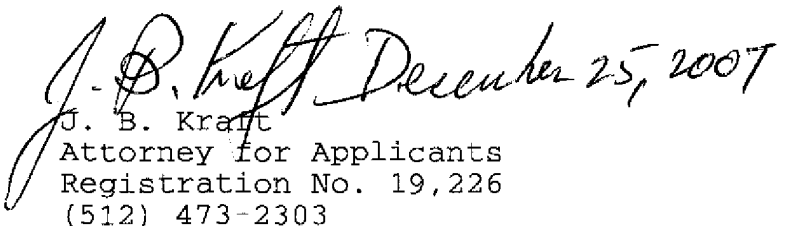
Dependent Claims 6, 13, and 21 Include Further Element Not disclosed by Anderson.

In addition, dependent claims 6, 13, and 21 have a further element not disclosed by Anderson: the "user activating said step of converting is a host of a Web database source defining the original URL."

Examiner is referred to the Specification of the present Application, page 4, lines 5-15; page 5, lines 19-21; and page 13, lines 2-8 for a description of the importance of this element. There is no indication whatsoever in Anderson of this element of the claimed invention.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims amended claims 1, 6, 8, 13, 21, and 23 are now in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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